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SBA Names Warwick's PuroClean the 2019 Rhode Island and New England Veteran-Owned Small Business of the Year

Providence, RI –The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has named Christopher Sanford, owner of PuroClean Disaster Restoration Services, the 2019 Rhode Island and New England Veteran-Owned Small Business. PuroClean, located in Warwick, specializes in helping its residential and commercial clients recover from damage caused by fire, smoke, water, sewage, mold and other contaminants. Sanford is a veteran of the United States Navy, where he served on active duty for over seven years as a Surface Warfare Officer and continues to serve in the Navy Reserve.

"I would like to congratulate Christopher Sandford on not only being named the Rhode Island Veteran-Owned Small Business, but the Regional awardee as well," said SBA District Director, Mark S. Hayward. "Chris is a testament to the service men and women and the incredible work ethic and perseverance they hold," he added.

This award is open to any individual or individuals who owns or operates a small business for profit, has been in operation for a minimum of three years, has received SBA assistance, and is a veteran of the U.S. armed forces.

The Rhode Island "Salute to Small Business" Awards luncheon will be held on May 10, and will honor all of the Rhode Island awardees and their exceptional small business accomplishments. For more information about the award winners or the "Salute to Small Business" Awards Luncheon, contact Ryan Brissette at Ryan.Brissette@SBA.gov, 401-528-4630.

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The U.S. Small Business Administration makes the American dream of business ownership a reality. As the only go-to resource and voice for small businesses backed by the strength of the federal government, the SBA empowers entrepreneurs and small business owners with the resources and support they need to start, grow or expand their businesses, or recover from a declared disaster. It delivers services through an extensive network of SBA field offices and partnerships with public and private organizations. To learn more, visit www.sba.gov.
